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TAGS: MILI, PFOR, KS, KN, US

SUBJECT: EHLICOPTER INCIDENT- ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETING JULY 16

1. FOLLOWING PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE PER TELECON JULY 15. (PARENTHESES IN TEST, INDICATE OPTIONS TO BE DECIDED ON AT MEETING AS APPROPRIATE.)

2. OPENING STATEMENT: (BEGIN TEXT)

IN MY MESSAGES PASSED TO YOU I HAVE INDICATED THAT A CH-47 HELICOPTER WAS DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF YOUR PORTION OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE INDICATES THE UNC HELICOPTER WAS (SHOT/FORCED) DOWN BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM YOUR SIDE AFTER AN UNINTENTIONAL INTRUSION INTO YOUR AIRSPACE. THIS INCIDENT WAS REGRETTABLE.

I HAVE ASKED THAT YOU RETURN THE HELICOPTER, THE INJURED CREWMAN, AND THE BODIES OF THE DECEASED CREWMEMBERS TO OUR SIDE. (I ALSO URGE YOU TO GIVE US IMMEDIATELY THE NAMES OF THE SURVIVOR AND THE DECEASED CREWMEN TO PERMIT NOTIFICATION OF THEIR FAMILIES.) I AM PREPARED TO ARRANGE TO RECEIVE THE CREW
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AND THE HELICOPTER NOW. ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO THIS?
(END TEXT)

3. STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED IN RECEIPT OF HELICOPTER CREW MEMBERS
BEGIN TEXT

I HEREBY STATE THAT ON 14 JULY 1977, A UNITED NATIONS

COMMAND CH-47 HELICOPTER, SERIAL NUMBER (BLANK)
PILOTED BY (NAMES AND SERIAL NUMBERS OF CREW),
BECAME DISORIENTED AND MADE A NAVIGATIONAL ERROR, UNIN-
TENTIONALLY INTRUDING INTO THE AIR SPACE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE
KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THE
HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY.

THIS INCIDENT WAS REGRETTABLE AND (I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS
VIOLATION.) I GUARANTEE THAT ALL PRACTICAL MEASURES WILL BE
TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE
OF AN INCIDENT OF THIS KIND IN THE FUTURE.

END TEXT

4. UNC HAS PREPARED CUSTOMARY VARIETY OF CONTINGENCY STATEMENTS
TO BE MADE AS APPROPRIATE DEPENDING ON NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE.
THSE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE
PROVIDED IN STATE 164907, TO STRESS INTEREST IN OBTAINING EX-
PEDITIOUS RETURN OF HELICOPTER CREW (AND HELICOPTER) AND TO MAINTAIN
BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH TO ENTIRE INCIDENT.
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